

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services



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**YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAAC)
MEETING**

D.C. Department of Employment Services

Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, William Dean call the meeting to order at 3:10 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Program Manager, Lewis Brown took roll call

III. COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: William Dean, Eric Jones and Burt Barnow

STAFF ATTENDEES: Lewis Brown, Marla Wyche, Kenneth Walker, Michael Taylor, Alletta Samuels, Larry Greenhill, Larry Barnes, Monea Smith

IV. MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2021 MEETING

Chairman Dean asked for YAAC members to review the minutes and make a motion. Mr. Eric Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Burt Barnow seconded the motion.

V. DOES UPDATES:

Program Manager, Lewis Brown reported out that the Office of Apprenticeship, Information (OAIT) and Training continues to engage in expanding youth apprenticeship in partnerships with DC Public Schools and DC Public Charter Schools for high school juniors and seniors. OAIT staff had follow-up meetings

with officials of Luke C. Moore Academy, IDEA Charter School, Thurgood Marshall Academy and Ballou Stay High School to discuss and finalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enroll 30 high school students this school for pre-apprenticeship training. Mr. Brown also noted that the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) also had been in the discussion as the main apprenticeship sponsor to provide the pre-apprenticeship training along with participating employers. In addition to the high schools mentioned for youth apprenticeship initiatives during FY 22 school year, Mr. Brown noted that OAIT goal is to expand the number of partnerships with DC Public High Schools and DC Public Charter Schools to twelve (12) along with additional apprenticeship sponsors that include both traditional and non-traditional trade/occupation areas. Mr. Brown also noted that he had reached out to other apprenticeship sponsors to get determine the number of those sponsors willing to participate in youth apprenticeship initiatives and the responses were overwhelmingly positive.

Mr. Brown noted that he was invited to attend a meeting at Phelps Architectural, Construction and Engineering High School with the school's principal for discussions on the "Building Phelps School for the Future." The meeting was organized by the DC Students Construction Trades Foundation and MC Dean, Inc. Mr. Brown noted that the meeting was the first step to get Phelps engaged with apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship initiatives. MC Dean is taking the first step as a registered apprenticeship sponsor to enroll five (5) high school seniors for an immersive, hands-on learning that will lead to direct entry to the company's registered apprenticeship program.

Mr. Brown also reported out that his office attended and participated in the 2021 (virtual) annual National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors (NASTAD) conference, hosted by the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Brown noted that Department of Labor officials, who attended the conference reported that the Biden administration is providing significant resources available for states to expand apprenticeship registration. DOL official also reported that the National Apprenticeship Act reauthorization passed the U.S. House of Representatives and moved to the U.S. Senate for approval. Mr. Brown also noted that each attending state representatives gave their state activities and best practice reports and mentioned that the State of Virginia representative reported on their youth apprenticeship initiatives that included 23 high schools participating with apprenticeship sponsors.

Chairman Dean noted that there are no updates from OSSE. Mr. Brown made note that he had OSSE officials present at the July meeting the link to the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) to apply for confirmation on the YAAC. Mr. Dean also mentioned that he is willing to work with OSSE senior officials to get a representative to serve, considering the important for that agency to be a participant. Lastly, Mr. Dean informed YAAC members that his company is involved in youth apprenticeship initiative with Carolina County High

School in the State of Virginia and would like to arrange for YAAC members to visit the training site.

Mr. Eric Jones reported out that is organization, Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (aoba-metro org) will be a State of the District to include new workforce and what it will look like in the new non-traditional occupation areas and noted that little discussions are held those areas around apprenticeship. Mr. Jones that his organization will be submitting an official letter to DOES' Director to bring-up discussions on the new workforce in the non-traditional occupations to include DC residents for available new jobs in the coming years.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.